AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CEASAR C. MITCHELL

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 162, ENTITLED "VEHICLES FOR HIRE", BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 162-44 WHICH SHALL DECLARE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY RESTAURANT OR OF ANY HOTEL, MOTEL, OR OTHER SIMILAR LODGING BUSINESS, TO DIRECT PATRONS TO CERTAIN UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES FOR HIRE OR FOR ANY RESTAURANT OR ANY HOTEL, MOTEL, OR OTHER SIMILAR LODGING BUSINESS TO KNOWINGLY PERMIT OR ALLOW ANY OF ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES TO DIRECT PATRONS TO CERTAIN UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES FOR HIRE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> Chapter 162 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, entitled "Vehicles for Hire" is hereby amended by creating a new Section 162-44 which shall provide as follows:

- "162-44.(a) It shall be unlawful for any agent or employee of any restaurant or of any hotel, motel, or other similar lodging business, to direct patrons to any unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire, or for any restaurant, or any hotel, motel, or other similar lodging business to knowingly permit or allow any of its agents or employees to direct patrons to any unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire. For purposes of this section, "unlicensed and/or un-permitted vehicle for hire" shall mean a vehicle for hire which has not been properly licensed or permitted by either the City's Bureau of Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire, or the State of Georgia.
- (b) It shall further be unlawful for any agent or employee of any restaurant or of any hotel, motel, or other similar lodging business, to direct patrons to any vehicle for hire for which service has not been requested pursuant to a prearranged communicated contract, scheduled at least one (1) hour in advance of pick-up as evidenced by a properly completed trip sheet, or for any restaurant, or any hotel, motel, or other similar lodging business to knowingly permit or allow any of its agents or employees to direct patrons to any vehicle for hire for which service has not been requested pursuant to a prearranged communicated contract, scheduled at

least one hour in advance of pick-up as evidenced by a properly completed trip sheet.

Section2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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